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Upon the instruction of my Government, I am enclosing herewith the statement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of 27 May 1999 following the indictment of the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and other senior Yugoslav officials by the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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Annex

Statement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, May 27 - Regarding today's shameful statement by Ms. Louise Arbour, Prosecutor of the Hague Tribunal, the Federal Government assesses with indignation that this represents yet another manipulation by NATO aggressors vis-à-vis our country and further proof that the Hague Tribunal is not an institution of law and justice but a mere instrument in carrying out the orders from Washington and Brussels. This is yet another attempt to mislead the world public in order to cover up responsibility for the crime of genocide against the people of Yugoslavia. Militarist quarters are trying to halt the further erosion of support for the aggression and to prevent mass requests by world public opinion to put an immediate end to this senseless aggression by NATO, to the massacres of civilians and wanton destruction. The timing of the statement was chosen precisely when the diplomatic offensive is gaining momentum and when the prospect of a peaceful solution is supported by the vast majority of mankind. This act helps to continue and intensify the well-known policy of demonizing and indicting our entire nation. This is an attempt to proclaim the victims the guilty party and to avoid the responsibility of NATO leaders for the genocide of the people of this country.

Ms. Arbour is a simple puppet in the hands of warlords, a part of the aggressors' machinery which, by manipulating the world public, provides a semblance of justice and harbours those responsible for the genocide waged against the people of Yugoslavia. However, this exercise is becoming ever more difficult because the world public is increasingly becoming aware of behind-the-scenes games, the tactic of obfuscation and moves like today's statement by Madam Arbour.

This act - although designed to give a new lease on life to the NATO propaganda machine already losing the nerve and to paper over the cracks appearing in the Alliance - will surely result in an even stronger unity of the people with its leadership in the just struggle for freedom. Those giving and executing orders in the commission of the horrible crimes and massacres against the citizens of Yugoslavia - such as Messrs. Javier Solana and Wesley Clark or their bosses in Washington and London, William Jefferson Clinton and Anthony Blair - will have to account for their deeds rather than those defending their people and State. Cowards and officers without honour, politicians without morals and a modicum of humaneness kill women and children, patients in hospitals and newborn babies in maternity wards, bring traffic on European major transport routes to a standstill and threaten the environment to be left to the next generation.

The President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the highest federal and republic-level State leaders are democratically elected by the citizens of our country, on the basis of their contribution to safeguarding the vital State and national interests. This senseless show cannot diminish the importance and the perspective of the political and diplomatic initiatives taken by the President of the FR of Yugoslavia and by our State leadership with a view to

bringing about an immediate stop to aggression and to resuming the political process and a constructive resolution of all outstanding issues in Kosovo and Metohija, while preserving the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country and the independence and dignity of our people.

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I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that on 26 May 1999 the Stabilization Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina violated the border of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. At 7.45 p.m., on the said date, six members of the Stabilization Force in two vehicles entered about 500 metres into the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the vicinity of the village of Olandici, 10 kilometres south-west of Priboj. They were disarmed by the members of the unit of the Army of Yugoslavia guarding the border in that region. They were held till 2 a.m. the following day, after which they were returned over the border.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 29 MAY 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. At 0900 hours on 6 May 1999, two khaki-coloured, wheeled personnel carriers were observed travelling close to the Iraq-Kuwait boundary line, coming from the Sumud Kuwaiti guard post at coordinates 994946 and heading towards the Jarayshan Kuwaiti guard post at coordinates 070187. The two vehicles then returned, carrying three black Land Cruiser wheels.

2. At 0700 hours on 15 May 1999, a patrol from the Kuwaiti side fired 24 bursts of machine-gun fire close to pillars 104 and 105.

3. At 1745 hours on 15 May 1999, a Kuwaiti vessel intercepted an Iraqi launch coming from the sea and heading towards the port of Umm Qasr between buoy 19 at coordinates 2014 and buoy 21 at coordinates 1618 in Khawr Abd Allah.

4. On 17 May 1999, two Kuwaiti vessels opened fire with a machine-gun on Iraqi vessels in the area between buoys 21 and 23, before heading off in the direction of Bubiyan Island.

I request that you intervene with Kuwait with a view to bringing a halt to such unwarranted acts of provocation and aggression being perpetrated with increasing frequency in recent times by Kuwaiti patrols, given that they are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the norms of international law and that they pose a threat to the sovereignty and security of a State Member of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rokan Numan AL-ANBUGE
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that on 23 May 1999 at 4.00 and 5.00 a.m., supported by the armed forces of the Republic of Albania and using mountain artillery, the Albanian terrorists carried out an attack against the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the region of Kamenica (peak elevation No. 809) from the region of Maja Glava near border stone C-4.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia rightly expects the Security Council to condemn this act of gross violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a sovereign and independent country and a Member State of the United Nations and to take appropriate measures to prevent its repetition.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that on 22 May 1999 at 6.15 p.m., 10 members of the Stabilization Force (SFOR) provoked a border incident by entering the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 100 metres deep from Bosnia and Herzegovina in the region of Orljaca, 15 kilometres west of Pluzine, and opening fire against the Yugoslav organs guarding the border. The fire was returned, whereupon the members of SFOR retreated to the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, leaving the area in an armoured personnel carrier in the direction of Gacko.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia rightly expects the Security Council to condemn this act of gross violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a sovereign and independent country and a Member State of the United Nations and to take appropriate measures to prevent its repetition.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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